

Newsletter Publication for Lynchburg Citizens





Voting Information

Important information for the November 4, 2008 Election:

Saturday, October 25

Registrar's Office open for inperson absentee voting.

Tuesday, October 28

Final day to apply for a mailed absentee ballot.

Saturday, November 1

Final day for in-person absentee voting in the Registrar's Office.

Tuesday, November 4

Election Day! Lynchburg voters cast their ballots for President and Vice-President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Representative.

For more information about voting or the election contact the Lynchburg Registrar at 847-1609.



NEW LTV Programs

As the seasons change, so does the lineup of programs on Lynchburg Government Channel 15, LTV!

New programs this month:

- All About Voting
- Results of the 2008 Citizens Survey
- Halloween Safety Tips from the Lynchburg Police Department
- Downtown Parking: Problems and Solutions
- Keeping Lynchburg's Streams and Rivers Clean: the CSO Story

LTV, Channel 15 ...

Keep an eye on it...

Moving from Dialogue to Action

Update on the Community Dialogue

It's been five months since the Community Dialogue's citywide Action Forum and participants



learned of the action ideas that the 50 study circles had created. Since the Forum, Action Group workshops and process facilitators training were held over the summer to prepare action group participants and facilitators for the action group process. The Community Dialogue Working Group has been recruiting for the new advisory board and city-wide action groups have officially started meeting.

Seven action groups based on themes that emerged from the Community Dialogue Study Circle Process have been meeting since September. The seven action groups are:

- 1. Police
- 2. Communications/Media
- 3. Education/Youth & Family Support
- 4. Workforce Development
- Faith Based
- 6. Diversity Events
- 7. Citizens Advocacy/Strengthening Community.

Each group will be supported by facilitators, an action group network, the action group support committee and advisory board. The action groups will work together toward the vision of a community where race and ethnicity are not the most powerful predictors of how one fares socially, educationally, economically, etc.

The Working Group met over the summer to develop the structure and function of the new advisory board. The advisory board will work to promote racial equity, improve social economic and education opportunities in Lynchburg by building on the work the Community Dialogue on Race and Racism, guide ongoing efforts, and encourage community accountability. Membership will be based on completion of an application and selection by the current Working Group. The new board members will be announced in October 2008 and the board will begin work in January 2009.

Day at the Point

The 11th annual fall festival, Day at the Point, will be held October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the grounds of Point of Honor. Admission is free. The event brings living history, food, kid's games and crafts,



period music, and more to Point of Honor each year. The historic home was built in 1815, by the Cabell family and is among the finest examples of Federal architecture in Piedmont Virginia.

The event kicks off at 10:00 a.m. with the Lynchburg Fire and EMS Pipe Band. Other music includes banjoist Corbin Hayslett, instrumentalist Jim Robertson, and Riddle on the Harp. Costumed interpreters will portray Dr. George Cabell, Narcissa Owen, and a frontiersman; there will also be a presentation of mourning attire and customs of the day, and a full size batteau, *The Morning Star*, will be on display. Other activities include a quilt exhibit, fire making, open hearth cooking, spinning and weaving demonstrations, and much more.

Both modern and historic kid's games and activities are planned along with a jump castle, pony rides, and the Nature Zone will be on hand with lots of animals. Food will include Brunswick stew, bar-be-que, hot dogs, a bake sale of home-made items, popcorn, and cotton candy.

Free guided tours of Point of Honor will be available all day. There will also be walking tours of the historic Daniel's Hill neighborhood at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Don't forget to tour the new exhibit, *Medicine in Early Virginia*, where Dr. Cabell himself just might be found dispensing 1815 medical advice.

The Gift Shop will offer 10% off during Day at the Point with many unique gifts, books, prints, and ceramics. Point of Honor is part of the Lynchburg Museum System and is located at 112 Cabell Street. Call (434) 455-6226 for more information or visit: www.pointofhonor.org.



Who ya gonna call? On Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m., four members of Bedford Paranormal will present some of their findings at the Lynchburg Public Library, 2315 Memorial Avenue. Begun as Bedford Ghost Investigation in 2006, the group changed its name in 2007 to reflect its investigations of anything paranormal. Come and see how the group investigates reports of ghosts, specters, and things that go bump in the night.

The program is free and open to the public, but is most suitable for middle school on up. For more information, call 455-6310, or visit on line at: www.bedfordparanormal.com.

Halloween Safety

Halloween can be one of the most enjoyable times in your child's life... as long as you make safety a high priority.



The Lynchburg Police Department offers these safety tips:

- Parents should always accompany children while trick-or-treating.
- Remind children to never eat treats until parents have inspected them.
- If you welcome trick-or-treaters, leave your porch light on.
- Illuminate your Jack-O-Lantern with an alternative to candles. Always avoid the possibility of a fire.
- Costumes should be flame retardant.
 Decorate the costumes with reflective tape. This will dramatically increase the visibility of your child.
 The tape is available at most hardware stores.
- Use face paint instead of face masks. Masks tend to obscure a child's vision.
- If the use of a mask is unavoidable, the eye holes should be large. The breathing opening should be equally as large.
- Any toy props, such as a weapon, should be made of cardboard or foam to prevent injury when the children play.
- Always carry a flashlight.

Teach your children the following safety tips:

- Use the sidewalk. If a sidewalk is not available, walk facing traffic and as close to the shoulder as possible.
- Watch out for traffic! Do not assume vehicle operators see you.
- Never dart between cars.
- Do not walk through unfamiliar neighborhoods or approach unfamiliar residences or vehicles.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days and Electronic Recycling



For residents of the city and towns of Lynchburg, Altavista, and Brookneal and the Counties of Amherst, Campbell, and Nelson

LAST 2008 COLLECTION
October 11 (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
Concord Turnpike Regional Landfill

PLEASE NOTE: All participants must present a photo ID at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW) center! Please bring items in non-returnable containers. Amherst and Nelson County residents must bring a voucher from the county solid waste department. To obtain a voucher call: Amherst County residents at (434) 846-3324 and Nelson County residents at (434) 263-7098.

What HHW CAN you bring to the collection site?

Oven Cleaners Acids/Bases Oxidizers Aerosols Antifreeze Oil Based Paint **Auto Starter Pesticides** Photo Chemicals Brake Fluids **Batteries Polishes** Cleaners **Pool Chemicals** Corrosives Poisons **Drain Openers** Solvents Thinners Flammables Used Motor Oil Furniture Stripper Herbicides Weed Killers Kerosene **Wood Preservatives**

Lighter Fluids

What HHW **NOT** to bring to the collection site!

PCBs

PROWL

Prozine

Radioactives

(Ex: smoke

detectors)

Silvex

Stomp

TCDD

Recyclables

Agent Orange
Ammunition
Dioxin
Explosives
Garbage
Gas Cylinders
Kepone
Latex Paint
Liquified Asbestos
Medical Waste
Oil Tanks
Pathological Waste
55 Gallon Drums

of Anything!

Acceptable Electronics

- Computer monitors (CRTs, Plasma, LCD displays)
- Laptop and notebook computersTelevisions (console, projection-screen,
- Televisions (console, projection-Plasma, LCD)
- Computer Equipment
- Computer systems (CPU units)
- Computer printers, scanners, plottersComputer accessories (keyboards,
- mice, speakers, cords, cables)
 External disk memory and hard disk drives
 Circuit boards and electronic components
- Network hubs, modems, and routers
 Toner cartridges (ink jet and laser jet)
- CDs, DVDs, magnetic tape

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